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Allen W. Dulles

24 April 1952

Dear Adolf:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just received from David Bruce which is self-explanatory, and which relates to your letter of 14 April 1952

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As David undoubtedly sent this to me for my information and guidance, I would appreciate it if you would consider it in the same light and as confidential.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. A. Berle, Jr.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON



April 23, 1952

Dear Allen:

I have received your letter of April 14, 1952 with which were enclosed Adolf Berle's letter to you of April 8 and a memorandum concerning the International Rescue Committee.

The Department is acting vigorously to get the escapee program under way. As you know, the President authorized the Mutual Security Agency (MSA) to proceed with the program on March 22, 1952, and MSA made the funds available to the Department on April 7, 1952. Authorizations have already been sent to the Office of the High Commissioner for Germany to appoint key persons to direct the over-all program in the countries of first asylum in Europe, in accordance with tentative instructions sent earlier to the United States Missions in Germany, Austria, Italy, Trieste, Greece and Turkey. A representative of the Department will proceed to Europe shortly to expedite the program further in cooperation with the persons and agencies in the field directly concerned.

It has not been considered wise to make public announcement of specific plans under the program until the details of these plans can be finalized abroad. The delicate problem of supplementing the assistance presently rendered to refugees by the governments of the countries bordering on the Iron Curtain area without drying up these sources of assistance is involved.

The program is not aimed to supplant in any manner the current activities of voluntary agencies which are doing valuable work for refugees. In fact, it has been assumed that the work of these agencies will assist the program, and the closest coordination and cooperation with these agencies is envisaged. However, it does not appear feasible

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The Honorable
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Washington, D. C.

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to make direct grants in aid to voluntary agencies from the funds available under the program. This does not preclude the possibility that other arrangements may be made, such as the provision of logistic support to the voluntary agencies, which will relieve their budgets of certain costs now borne. The conclusion of such arrangements will be made in the field on the basis of specific projects determined to be of direct assistance to the program.

Sincerely yours,

David Bruce

Under Secretary